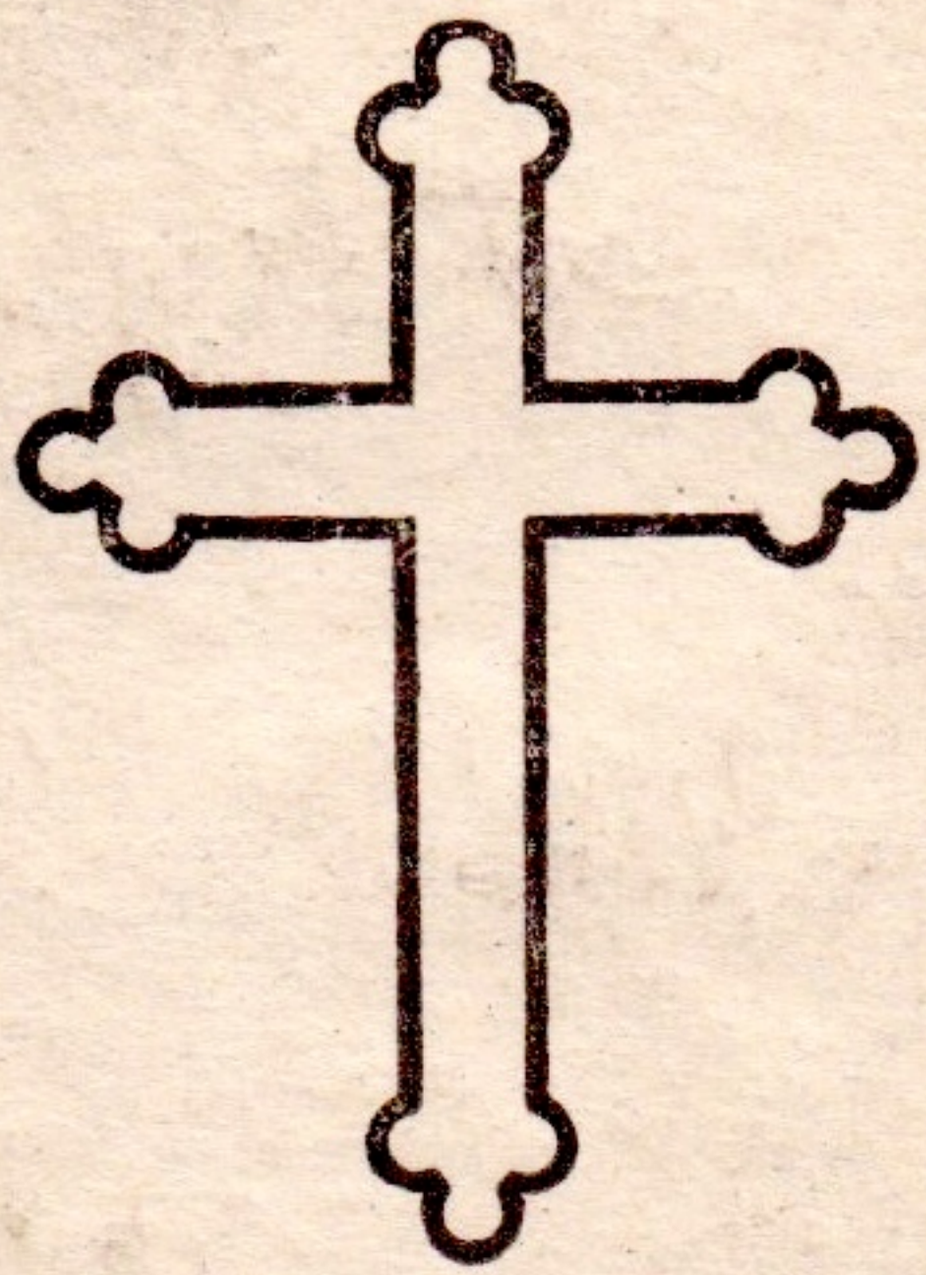
THE MANUAL

OF THE

Guild of Saint Mary



SAINT CLEMENT'S CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA

1922

Prayer to God the Holy Ghost

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the Anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart;

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;

Praise to Thine eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Guild of S. Mary

Inaugurated Feast of the Purification, 1881.

Reorganized, All Saints, 1885.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of this Guild shall be "THE GUILD OF SAINT MARY."

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

It is the purpose of this Guild to help women to persevere in leading a Christian life, and to influence others to walk in the Love and Fear of God.

ARTICLE III.

Motto

The motto of this Guild shall be "*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.*"

ARTICLE IV.

Members

SECTION 1. Members of this Guild shall be confirmed women, who must be Communicants of the Parish. They shall be chosen by the Chaplain.

SECTION 2. Members shall be received at first on probation, which shall last at least three months.

SECTION 3. Besides the Members of Guild, there shall be Associates, chosen from time to time by the Chaplain.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be a monthly meeting of the Guild, except in July, August and September, for instruction, prayer, and the admission of new members. If any member is unable to attend she shall report the reason to the Sister in charge of the Guild.

SECTION 2. Members are expected to attend the Mothers' Meeting, or, at least, the weekly service in connection therewith.

ARTICLE VI.

Withdrawal of Members

SECTION 1. Any Member, or Associate, resigning from the Guild shall return her medal and manual to the Chaplain or to the Sister.

SECTION 2. Any Member causing scandal to the others, by her conduct, will be suspended for a time, or expelled altogether, according to the discretion of the Chaplain.

ARTICLE VII.

The Rule

All Members are

1. To say Private Prayers each morning and evening, and to say Grace before and after meals.
2. To make a daily Self-Examination.
3. To read at least a few verses of Holy Scripture each day.
4. To receive Communion monthly, always fasting, and not omitting a careful preparation before and a thanksgiving after.

5. To be present, twice, if possible, at the Services of the Church, of which a celebration of the Holy Communion shall be one, on Sundays and the Greater Festivals.
6. To make a Confession at Christmas and Easter, and at such other times as may be necessary.
7. Such as are mothers, to bring their children to Baptism within one month of their birth, and to train them up in the love and fear of God, taking them to Church and being careful to have them attend the Sunday School.
8. To report to the Chaplain, at Easter, upon the observance of the Rule.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

Our Father.

V. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

ANT. I will seek to do thee good.

PSALM CXXII. *Laetatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said un*to* me: We will go into the hoüse *of* the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in *thy gates*: O Jër*u*salem.

Jerusalem is built as a *city*: that is at *unitў in* itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of *the* Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto *the* Näme *of* the Lord.

For there is the seat of *judg*ment: even the seat of the *house* öf *David*.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall pros*per* thät *love* thee.

Peace be within *thy* walls: and plenteousness with*in* thÿ *pal*aces.

For my brethren and compan*ions'* sake: I will wish *thee* prös*per*ity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord *our* God; I will *seek* tö *do* thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to *the* Son: and *to* thë *Ho*ly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be: world with*out* ënd. Amen.

ANT. I will seek to do thee good: because of the house of the Lord our God.

SHORT CHAPTER. Prov. xi. 16, xxxi. 25.

A GRACIOUS woman retaineth honour; strength and honour are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

V. Lord, let my prayer be set forth.
R. In Thy sight as the incense.

Ant. A maiden hath born the King.

Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Magnificat. St. Luke i.

MY soul | doth *mag*ni*fy* the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in *God* my *Sa*viour.

For | He *hath* re*gar*ded the lowliness of *His* hand*mai*den.

For | be*hold,* from henceforth: all generations shall *call* me *bless*ed.

For He | That is mighty hath *mag*ni*fi*ed me: and *ho*ly is His Name.

And His mer | cy is on *them* that *fear* Him: throughout all *gene*ra*t*ions.

He hath show | ed *strength* with *His* arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagi*na*tion *of* their hearts.

He hath | put down the *migh*ty *from* their seat: and hath ex*alt*ed the *hum*ble and meek.

He hath fill | ed the *hun*gry with *good* things: and the rich hath He *sënt emp*ty away.

He remem | bering His mercy hath holpen His *ser*vant *I*srael: as He prom-

ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his *seed*, for *ever*.

Glo | ry be to the *Father*, and *to* the Son: and *to* the *Holy* Ghost.

As it was | in the beginning, is now, and *ever shall* be: world with*out* end. *Amen*.

ANT. A maiden hath borne the King Whose Name is everlasting: she hath the joy of a mother and likewise the honour of virginity: none hath been seen like unto her, neither shall there be any such.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said, kneeling, the Collect and the Memorials following:*

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY God, Who dost call Thy servants to different labors in the same vineyard, have mercy upon the Members and Associates of this Guild. Sanctify us all, and grant that we may each, in our several vocations, truly and godly serve Thee, so that finally after this life we may obtain everlasting joy in the life to come; through Jesus

Christ Our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Families.

Ant. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most Migh: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

V. O ye that love the Lord.

R. See that ye hate the thing which is evil.

Let us pray.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who didst create a man in Thine own image, and establish a pure and holy family in the garden of Eden, and after the fall of our first parents, didst restore it once in Nazareth; look down in love and pity upon us, Thy servants, and all our relations. Grant to each member of our families Thy grace, that we may be holy households to the praise and glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Parish.

Ant. I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing on thine offspring.

V. Turn Thee again, O Lord God of hosts.

R. Look down from heaven, behold and visit this vine.

Let us pray.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who does govern all things in Heaven and earth, mercifully hear our supplications, and grant to this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances and hurtful things; and make all to be of one heart and one mind in the Fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the City.

Ant. Turn us again, O God our Saviour: and let Thine anger cease from us.

V. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end.

R. But guide Thou the just.

Let us pray.

Collect.

OALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to protect and bless this great city, and to cleanse it from its defilements. Turn the hearts of sinners; uphold the weak and falling; comfort the sorrowful; heal the sick; and look with pity and compassion upon all; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Address.

¶ *Here shall follow the admission of Candidates, if there be any, after which a Hymn may be sung. The Office shall always end with this Memorial:*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Ant. Behold how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity.

V. As there are many members in one body.

R. So we being many, are one body in Christ.

Let us pray.

Collect.

REMEMBER, O Lord, all our brethren of the Sodality of Saint Clement whose names Thou knowest. Think upon them, O Lord, for good, and bring them at length to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall they depart with this Blessing:*

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Service of Admission to the Guild of Saint Mary

¶ *During the singing of a Hymn the Candidates shall advance and stand before the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Candidates be presented in the following order, Associates, Members, and Probationers, to the Chaplain by the Sister, who shall say:*

REVEREND Father, I present unto you *this person* to be admitted an *Associate (Member* or *Probationer)* of the Guild of Saint Mary.

¶ *Then shall the Chaplain say:*

DO you desire to be admitted an *Associate (Member* or *Probationer)* of the Guild of Saint Mary?

¶ Then *every one shall answer:*

I do.

Chaplain (to Associates): Will you undertake to say the Daily Prayer, and to further the objects of this Guild in every way you are able?

Ans.: I will.

Chaplain (to others): Will you try to keep the Rule and further the objects of this Guild so long as you shall continue a Member?

Ans.: I will.

¶ *Then shall the Candidates kneel and the Chaplain shall receive each one as follows:*

I ADMIT you to be an Associate (Member or Probationer) of the Sodality of Saint Clement, and this Guild of Saint Mary, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In token whereof receive this Medal (Manual, *when a Probationer*). "Be thou faithful unto death," saith the Lord, "and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

GOD, the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you now and ever. Amen.

Associates' Prayer

O ALMIGHTY God, Who didst commit Thy dear Son to the care and protection of Mary and Joseph at Nazareth: Grant that the Members of the Guild of Saint Mary may strive to model their homes after that most perfect example. Help them to live in the love and fear of God, and shield them from all evil. Grant them patience in all their trials, forebearance with those who try them, and charity towards all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

BLESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which of Thy bounty we are about to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

WE give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for these and all Thy Mercies; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Morning Prayers

In the Name. Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe.

O GOD, I thank Thee for having preserved me through the past night. Keep me this day from all evil and

danger of soul and body, and from all that would offend Thee. Grant that I may live a holy life, and die a happy death: for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

GOD the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost be with me and all mine, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Evening Prayers

In the Name. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Show me my sins.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Make me sorry for my sins.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Forgive me my sins.

SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. Have I tried to say my prayers well, and said all of them?
2. Have I failed in my duty to my husband, children, or others in my family?
3. Have I given way to anger and passion, or been cross, rude, proud or discontented?
4. Have I done or said anything I should be ashamed of others seeing or hearing?

5. Have I told a lie, or deceived any one?
6. Have I spoken unkindly of others?
7. Have I done my work as well as I could, or have I wasted my time?
8. Have I kept the rules of the Guild?
9. Have I neglected any duty to-day?
10. What have I done to overcome my bad habit or besetting sin?

THE CONFESSION.

I CONFESS to Thee, Almighty God, that I have sinned very much this day by thought, word and deed through my most grievous fault. [*Here name the sins you have committed.*]

I pray Thee to pardon these and all my sins, and to give me grace to sin no more; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

MY God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against Thee, Who art so good; forgive me for Jesus' sake, and I will try to sin no more.

ACT OF FAITH.

MY God, I believe in Thee and all Thy Church doth teach, because Thou hast said it and Thy Word is true.

ACT OF HOPE.

MY God, I hope in Thee for grace, for pardon, and for glory because of Thy Promises, Thy Mercy and Thy Power.

ACT OF LOVE.

MY God, because Thou art so good, I love Thee with all my heart, and for Thy sake I will love my neighbor as myself.

ALMIGHTY God, Who dost call Thy servants to different labors in the same vineyard, have mercy upon the Members and Associates of this Guild. Sanctify us all and grant that we may each in our several vocations truly and godly serve Thee, so that finally, after this life, we may obtain everlasting joy in the Life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

I BLESS and praise Thy Holy Name, O Most Merciful God, for all Thy Goodness to me during my past life, and for having preserved me through this day. Keep me from all harm and anger through the coming night, and bring me in safely to the light of another day. Bless, I pray Thee, my relations and friends, my clergy, and all for whom I ought to pray, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, preserve me from all sin and evil this night and for evermore. Amen.